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SUBJ: ROMANIAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS CSCE RESULTS

AT THE SEPTEMBER 16 POLADS MEETING, THE FRG REP (CITRON)
CIRCULATED THE FOLLOWING ANALYSIS, PREPARED BY THE FRG EMBASSY
IN BUCHAREST, OF THE ROMANIAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE RESULTS OF CSCE.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF ROMANIAN FOREIGN
POLICY, E.E. TO PREVENT A SOVIET INTERVENTION A LA PRAGUE,
PROMINENCE IS GIVEN TO THE THREE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY,
SOVEREIGNTY AND RENUNCIATION OF FORCE. AS OPPOSED TO OTHER
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, THE INVOLABILITY OF FRONTIERS IS
HARDLY MENTIONED AT ALL, PROBABLY IN ORDER TO LEAVE THE
QUESTION OF BESSARABIA OPEN; THIS QUESION IS NEVER
MENTIONED IN PUBLIC BUT IS INVARIABLY PRESENTED AS AN
IMPORTANT NATIONAL PROBLEM IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS.

2. PERSONAL CONTACTS AND EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION ARE ONLY
MENTIONED OCCASIONALLY AND IN PASSIG AND ARE INTERPRETED
AS FOLLOWS:
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- COOPERATION BETWEEN PEOPLES HAD TO BE INTENSIFIED BY
BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. MEETINGS OF ORGANIZATIONS AND
INSTITUTIONS SHOULD BE ORGANIZED IN THIS FRAMEWORK.
PRIVATE CONTACTS ARE NEVER MENTIONED.

- EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION SHOULD BE CONFINED TO TRUE, CONSTRUCTIVE REPORTING WITHOUT ANY MILITARIST, CHAUVINIST, RACIST OR ANTI-PEACE CONTENTS.

- FAMILY REUNION, MARRIAGE LICENCES ETC. ARE NOT MENTIONED. IN THE ONLY ROMANIAN LEADING ARTICLE WHICH DEALS EXCLUSIVELY WITH BASKET III, THE MATTER IS SUMMED UP IN THESE WORDS: "OUR COUNTRY HAS ALWAYS GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION TO THESE PROBLEMS."

3. WITH REGARD TO BILATERAL INITIATIVES DURING THE POST-CSCE PERIOD, AN INTENSIFICATION OF COOPERATION BETWEEN ROMANIA AND OTHER SOVIET-BLOCK COUNTRIES IS NOT TO BE EXPECTED. RATHER, IT IS BEING MADE CLEAR THAT ROMANIA WOULD "FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE CONTACTS AND COOPERATION WITH THE OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND WITH THE STATES OF THE WORLD". FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE EARLIER PRACTICE OF COLLECTING "JOINT SOLEMN DECLARATIONS" (UP TO NOW WITH EIGHT CSCE COUNTRIES) AND OF FRIENDSHIP TREATIES (UP TO NOW WITH 7 CSCE COUNTRIES, PORTUGAL BEING THE ONLY NON-SOVIET-BLOCK COUNTRY) WILL PROBABLY BE CONTINUED. THE ROMANIANS WILL TRY TO INSERT INTO THESE TREATIES THE PRINCIPLES FROM BASKET I AND II WITH THE ACCENTS DESIRED BY THEM.

4. IN RESPECT OF MULTILATERAL INITIATIVES, THE ROMANIAN VIEW IS THAT MBFR AS A FORUM FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN TWO BLOCKS IS A USELESS EXERCISE FROM WHICH NO RESULTS ARE TO BE EXPECTED.

5. THE MAIN EMPHASIS OF FUTURE ROMANIAN INITIATIVES WILL BE ON DISARMAMENT. MR. CEAUSESCU'S SEVEN-POINT DISARMAMENT PROPOSAL WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE 11TH ROMANIAN PARTY CONGRESS IN NOVEMBER 1974 IS BEING CONSTANTLY REPEATED AT THE CCD, BEFORE FOREIGN STATE VISITORS AND THE ROMANIAN PUBLIC. ITS SEVEN POINTS ARE:

1. THE MILITARY BUDGETS AS WELL AS THE PRESENT LEVELS OF FORCES AND ARMAMENTS SHOULD FIRST BE FROZEN AND CONFIDENTIAL

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THEN GRADUALLY REDUCED (BY AT LEAST 10 TO 15 PER CENT IN THE FIRST STEP).

2. WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION SHOULD BE BANNED (AS A FIRST STEP, THERE SHOULD BE A BAN ON THEIR USE, SECOND STEP: NO PRODUCTION OF NEW WEAPONS, THIRD STEP: DESTRUCTION OF THE EXISTING WEAPONS).

3. DENUCLEARIZED ZONES; THIS INCLUDES THE OLD ROMANIAN PROPOSAL TO TURN THE BALKANS INTO A PEACE ZONE.

4. ABOLITION OF FOREIGN MILITARY BASES AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL TROOPS FROM FOREIGN TERRITORIES.

5. DISSOLUTION OF THE MILITARY BLOCKS.

6. DEMOCRATIZATION OF ALL DISARMAMENT CONFERENCES (I.E.
THE RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION OF ALL STATES IN SALT,
MBFR, CCD ETC.).

7. SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS TO THE WORLD PUBLIC.
END TEXT.BRUCE

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